

N THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

A⁸

7. (new) An ironing device, to be applied to ironing machines for ironing, by blowing hot air therethrough, sports trousers having a trousers pelvis region, trousers legs and trousers pockets, characterized in that said ironing device comprises a driving construction, supporting a pair of supporting carriages, each of which supports at least a pocket ironing block for ironing said pockets of said trousers, said driving construction being adapted to bring said supporting carriages from an open position, in which said trousers are arranged on a tensioning tool for tensioning said pelvis region of said trousers, to a pressing position, in which said pocket ironing blocks press said trousers pockets on further ironing blocks arranged inside said trousers pelvis region of said tensioning tool.

8. (new) An ironing device, according to Claim 7, characterized in that each said pocket ironing block is mounted on a respective said supporting carriage through a bracket rigid with said carriage, and to which said pocket ironing block is coupled by a hinge element and a resilient abutment element.

9. (new) An ironing device, according to Claim 8, characterized

in that each said carriage is adapted to support either one or two said pocket ironing blocks.

10. (new) An ironing device, according to Claim 7, characterized in that said driving construction comprises a pneumatic piston for driving said carriages, said pneumatic piston being coupled to a central upright and having a piston rod including an adjusting device for micrometrically adjusting a length of said piston rod.

11. (new) An ironing device, according to Claim 7, characterized in that said driving construction comprises a top guide rod and a bottom guide rod, thereon said carriages slide, and including each a pulley, said pulleys being engaged by a drive belt comprising two latching plates making said drive belt rigid with said carriages, thereby as said pneumatic piston, coupled to one of said carriages, drives said carriage, the other carriage follows said first carriage in an opposite direction, as driven by said drive belt.

12. (new) An ironing device, according to Claim 7, characterized in that each said carriage supports at least two pocket ironing blocks for ironing said trousers pockets, said at least two pocket ironing blocks being coupled to a bracket and including each a resilient abutment element, thereby simultaneously ironing front and rear pickets of said trousers.